# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PANCHAYATI RAJ
# LOK SABHA

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Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to launch in collaboration with State Governments and Panchayati Raj Institutions, a 11 day, nationwide campaign called as the 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' and if so, the details thereof including the objectives of the campaign;
(b) whether the village farmer assemblies are held in gram panchayat in various States focussing on agriculture, if so, the details thereof and progress made in this regard;
(c) whether the Union Government has received suggestions from farmers in these assemblies for improvements in agriculture, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
(d) whether farmers and social harmony programmes are conducted in Gram Panchayats and if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

(a) to (d): Presently, there is no proposal to launch any specific nationwide campaign. However, the Central Government in collaboration with the State Governments and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) had launched a nationwide campaign titled "Gramoday se Bharat Uday Abhiyan" from 14th April to 24th April, 2016 coinciding with the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar and concluding on the National Panchayati Raj Day. The objective of this campaign was to strengthen the Panchayati Raj, promoting social harmony across villages, rural development and foster farmers' welfare and livelihoods of the poor. During the campaign, information about various schemes/programmes of the government for the development of Rural India was disseminated and an effort was made to encourage the rural masses to actively participate in the process of gram panchayats development and also to address the socio-economic issues. The States were called upon to organize Gram Kisan Sabhas between 17th April to 20th April, 2016 to discuss the Farmers' issues at the local level with the experts and officials. The campaign received a very positive response from the rural masses with their active participation and State like Madhya Pradesh extended this campaign for 45 days.